QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Inspection of school children by Medical Officers.

1. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a publication on page 6 of the "Sudarsanam" dated 1st Meenam 1104 "കുപ്രധാനം;" if so, the number of students of the Cranganur High School who were asked to use spectacles by the Medical Officer and the name of the shop wherefrom they were to be purchased ;

(2) the number of students in the Trichur High School and Ernakulam College who are asked to use spectacles by the inspecting Medical Officer?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Yes, since the receipt of the question. None was asked to use spectacles in particular.

(2) None.

Construction of roads.

2. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any arrangements have been made for the construction of roads to Anandapuram and Muriyad in the year 1105?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Opening of new means of communication.

3. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) which are the roads and water communications that the Government propose to open in the next year, 1105;

(2) (a) will the Government be pleased to state why they give preference to those items of work in particular ;

(b) does cheapness of land acquisition form the determining factor with the Government to prefer one taluk or region above another in the matter of execution of Public Works of general utility?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The Member is referred to the preliminary budget for 1105.

(2) (a) Because they are considered to be the most useful and urgent.

(b) No.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—With regard to the answer to question (2), may I know whether the degree of usefulness and the urgency are determined having regard to the year with which the budget is concerned or to the previous years?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I did not catch the question.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—In other words, if a work is regarded as useful and urgent—most useful and most urgent—in a year, will it be least useful and least urgent in a subsequent year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is quite possible.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Can it also become less urgent and important in the course of the year itself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— That also is possible.

Rural sanitation and public health in the Narakkal Constituency.

4. **Mr. M. A. Chakko.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the Government spent any amount on rural sanitation and public health at any time in the Narakkal constituency; if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the amount and the time and place where and when it was spent ;

(2) does the Government propose to do any thing to improve the sanitation of Azhikkal which is fast growing into a slum of British Cochin?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes; statements giving the required information are appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(2) Yes; vide also answer to question No. 216 of the last Legislative Session.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—In regard to sub-division (2), may I know, since the answer was given, whether anything has been done to meet the wishes of the people implicated in that question?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— No, not since the answer was given.

Irrigation canals in Chittur Taluk.

5. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(a) whether they are aware of the existence of irrigation canals owned by private owners in Chittur Taluk ;

(b) if so, what are the names of such canals and who are the owners of the same;

(c) what is the area of the lands of (1) the said owners and (2) of persons other than the owners, served by each of these systems;

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